

~~TOP SECRET~~

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~~HANDLE VIA TALENT~~

~~CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY~~

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Classification of Middle East Materials

1. This is in answer to your request for a status report on the classification and markings of Middle East materials.

2. Missions 1104, 1105, 1106 and 1107, pertaining to the mainland, and 1108 and 1109, over the islands, were sent to or were enroute to [REDACTED] before the decision had been made to accomplish processing in the field. These photographic materials all bear the marking TOP SECRET TALENT. This material has not been fully delivered to date, prints on 1104 through 1107 being outstanding. Customer B has received two duplicate positives of 1104 through 1109, has kept one copy for forwarding to SAC and has returned the other copy to HTA.

3. Plots (OI and HTA) of 1104 through 1107 which have been disseminated in Washington bear the marking TOP SECRET TALENT.

4. Only OI plots on 1108 and 1109 have been disseminated outside of HTA (Paramount), a single copy to OSI for use in the Paramount exercise. This is likewise true for 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1301. [Copies of OI plots on 1108 and 1109 had been sent to USAF but were recalled.] These plots all bear the marking TOP SECRET HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM.

5. Missions 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1301 are being processed in the field and are classified as "TOP SECRET", "HANDLE WITHIN THE TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM" (under conditions known to you. Only selected prints of 1111 have been received in HTA to date.)

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